

I understand that major Companies have requested deregulation of DSL services. I also understand what this means.

1. Small internet businesses will never be able to compete with large companies (example: SBC, Bellsouth, Verizon, etc.).
2. Employment of the network field in general will dwindle (example: No customers-No revenue-No Work). Plus, that will limit the job market dramatically.
3. Services paid for will be raised (example: No competition) and two services offered is not considered competition.
4. Major internet companies meaning SBC, Bellsouth, Verizon, etc. already control major interests. In fact they dominate the phone, cell phone and internet market already.
5. Quality control will suffer from a point in which to judge the reliability in service.

These are few issues that need to be on the board if deregulation happen.

On a personal note:

1. Dealing with large ISP (Internet Service Providers) SBC, Bellsouth, Verizon, etc. have been a major trouble when trying to fix my DSL, like trying to get in contact with someone in the first place. Being with an Independent ISP is much simpler with little or no wait time.
2. Fees are much more flexible and realistic for the home consumer or small business.
3. Services that Independent ISP's offers are more customized and user friendly.
4. Dealing with line service connection is cleaner and less time consuming.
5. People at Independent ISP's are far friendlier.

These are just my personal observation and are of course subject to scrutiny by anyone but, they are my opinions. I would not give up my Independent ISP Sonic.net for another and I have had them since 1995 and intend to stay with them no matter where I move or live.

Deregulation would limit the option I currently have being with an Independent ISP. My fees would eventually increase and my DSL services and quality would be in jeopardy. The FCC could guarantee the service and reliability to the consumer by keeping regulations in place by stopping the Larger ISP's monopoly on the DSL market. This would be allowing Independent ISP's a chance to offer prices and services that can compete with the Larger ISP's.

Thank You for your attention,

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